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It had been more than a decade since the inhabitants of what used to be called Mobotropolis had known peace. Since that time, they were betrayed by an enemy they once thought of as one of their own. He had sought to enslave them through his nefarious schemes, with ultimate domination over all he surveyed his final goal.

But the inhabitants created a beachhead they called Knothole Village and fought back, hoping to overcome and reclaim what was rightfully theirs. As the struggle grew, it became apparent that victory would not be won without a price.

And so the final battle between the evil despot and the courageous Freedom Fighters was fought, with the cause for freedom prevailing in the end. Though Doctor Robotnik had been vanquished, that victory didn't necessarily mean the end of their hardships.

In fact, it was only the beginning...

THIS IS THE PLANET *MOBIUS*, A WORLD FULL OF INCREDIBLE WONDERS AND SURPRISES...
AND OF ALL WHO DWELLED UPON ITS SURFACE, NONE WERE MORE RENOWNED THAN THOSE WHO LIVED IN THE FABLED CITY OF *MOBOTROPOLIS*...
...WHICH WAS GOVERNED BY THE BENEVOLENT AND MUCH BELOVED *KING* AND *QUEEN ACORN*.
THEIR DAUGHTER *SALLY* PROVIDED A SHINING BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE *NEXT GENERATION!*
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE THOSE WHO WOULD WAGE *WAR* AGAINST THE *KINGDOM* FOR THEIR OWN *SELFISH* PURPOSES.
IT WAS DURING THE WAR AGAINST THE *OVERLANDERS* THAT *QUEEN ACORN* MYSTERIOUSLY BECAME A CASUALITY, HER TRUE FATE *UNKNOWN*.
THE KING'S FORCES, LED BY THE *WARLORD JULIAN*, MANAGED TO OVERCOME AND PRESERVE THE KINGDOM...

HOWEVER, ***WARLORD JULIAN*** HAD PLANS OF HIS OWN.

THUS, RENOUNCING HIS HERITAGE, HE ADOPTED THE NAME OF ***ROBOTNIK***--

--AND BANISHED ***KING ACORN*** INTO THE ***ZONE OF SILENCE!***

WITH THE KING OUT OF THE WAY, ***ROBOTNIK*** UTILIZED HIS ARMY OF ***SWATBOTS*** TO APPREHEND THE CITIZENS OF THE NOW RECHRISTENED ***ROBOTROPOLIS***--

--UPON WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO THE ***ROBOTICIZATION*** PROCESS, WHICH NOT ONLY TRANSFORMED THEM FROM FUR AND BLOOD TO METAL AND CIRCUITS, BUT ALSO ***ROBBED*** THEM OF THEIR ***FREE WILL*** AS WELL!

ALL WAS NOT LOST, AS CHAMPIONS AROSE, SUCH AS ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*** AND HIS FELLOW ***FREEDOM FIGHTERS***, TO FIGHT THE EVIL SCHEMES OF THE ***MAD DICTATOR***--

--EVENTUALLY OVERCOMING ***IMPOSSIBLE*** ODDS AND ***OVERWHELMING*** FORCES!

ROBOTNIK HAS BEEN VANQUISHED.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DETERMINED--

--IS AT WHAT PRICE.

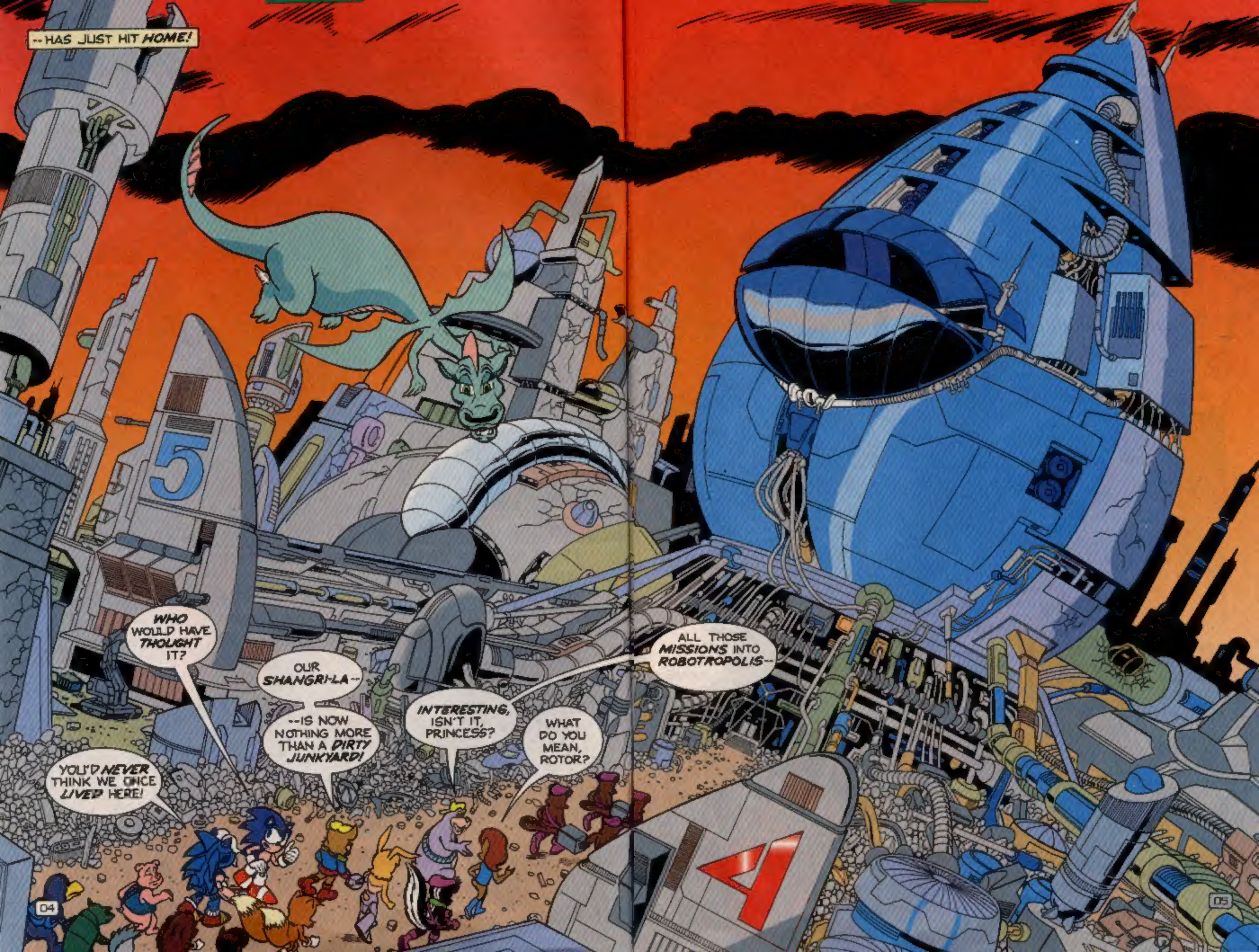
NOW THAT VICTORY HAS SINCE BEEN CLAIMED--

--AND CELEBRATIONS REVELLING THE ACHIEVEMENT NOW COMPLETE--

REALITY HAS SET IN.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD--

UNBELIEVABLE!


--HAS JUST HIT HOME!
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT?
YOU'D NEVER THINK WE ONCE LIVED HERE!
OUR SHANGRI-LA--
--IS NOW NOTHING MORE THAN A DIRTY JUNKYARD!
INTERESTING, ISN'T IT, PRINCESS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ROTOR?
ALL THOSE MISSIONS INTO ROBOTROPOLIS--
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--AND YET WE NEVER REALLY CONTEMPLATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ROBOTNIK'S ACTIONS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL!
THE MISSION ALWAYS COMES FIRST, MATE!
I'M AFRAID GEOFFREY'S RIGHT, ROTOR!
ONCE AGAIN--
--THE MISSION-- ALONG WITH THE GREATER GOOD-- COMES BEFORE ALL ELSE!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE SIGHT OF ALL THIS AFFECTS US PERSONALLY--
--WE MUST PUT ASIDE OUR FEELINGS AND CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK AT HAND!
STARTING HERE-- AT THE PALACE--
NOTHING THAT SOME LIGHTS AND A PAINT JOB CAN'T CURE, SUGAH!
I HATE TO SAY IT, BUNNIE--
REAL SPOOKY!
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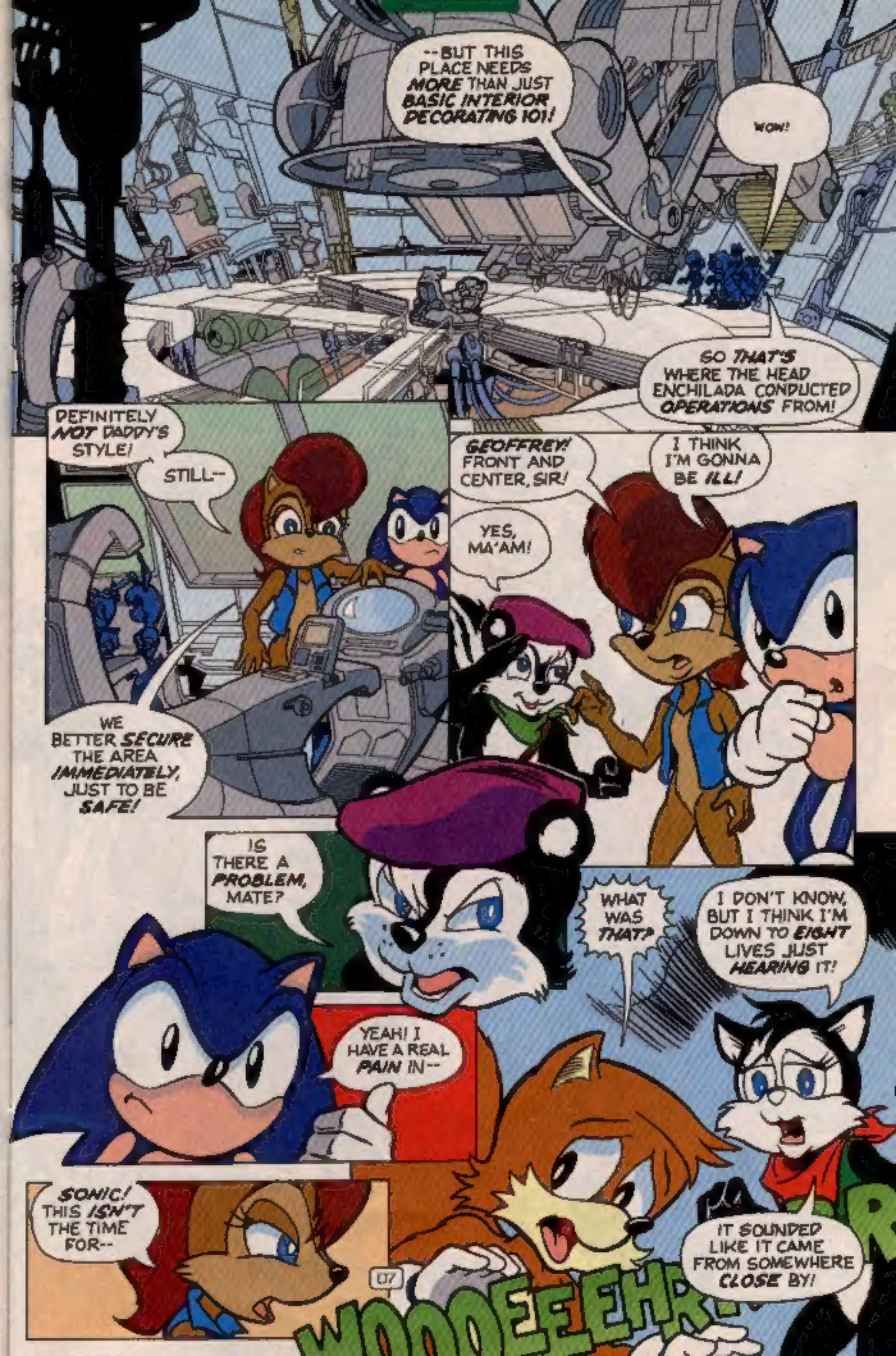
--BUT THIS PLACE NEEDS MORE THAN JUST BASIC INTERIOR DECORATING 101!
WOW!
SO THAT'S WHERE THE HEAD ENCHILADA CONDUCTED OPERATIONS FROM!
DEFINITELY NOT DADDY'S STYLE!
STILL--
WE BETTER SECURE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY, JUST TO BE SAFE!
GEOFFREY! FRONT AND CENTER, SIR!
YES, MA'AM!
I THINK I'M GONNA BE ILL!
IS THERE A PROBLEM, MATE?
WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK I'M DOWN TO EIGHT LIVES JUST HEARING IT!
YEAH! I HAVE A REAL PAIN IN--
SONIC! THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR--
IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY!
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WOODEEEHR

IT DID! IT DID!

A DYNAMAC!*

LOOK OUT!!

BA-DAAAM!

*FIRST SEEN IN SONIC*31 – J. FREDDY

LOOKS LIKE THE OL' HEDGEHOG HAS TO DO IT TO IT!

REALLY? THAT'LL BE THE DAY!

ALL YOU NEED IS ONE GOOD BOLT--

VROOOO

BOING!

K-TANG!

ZUT ALORS!

WHIP... WHIP...

TALK ABOUT-- TIGHT-- S-SQUEEZES--

WHAP!

WHAP!

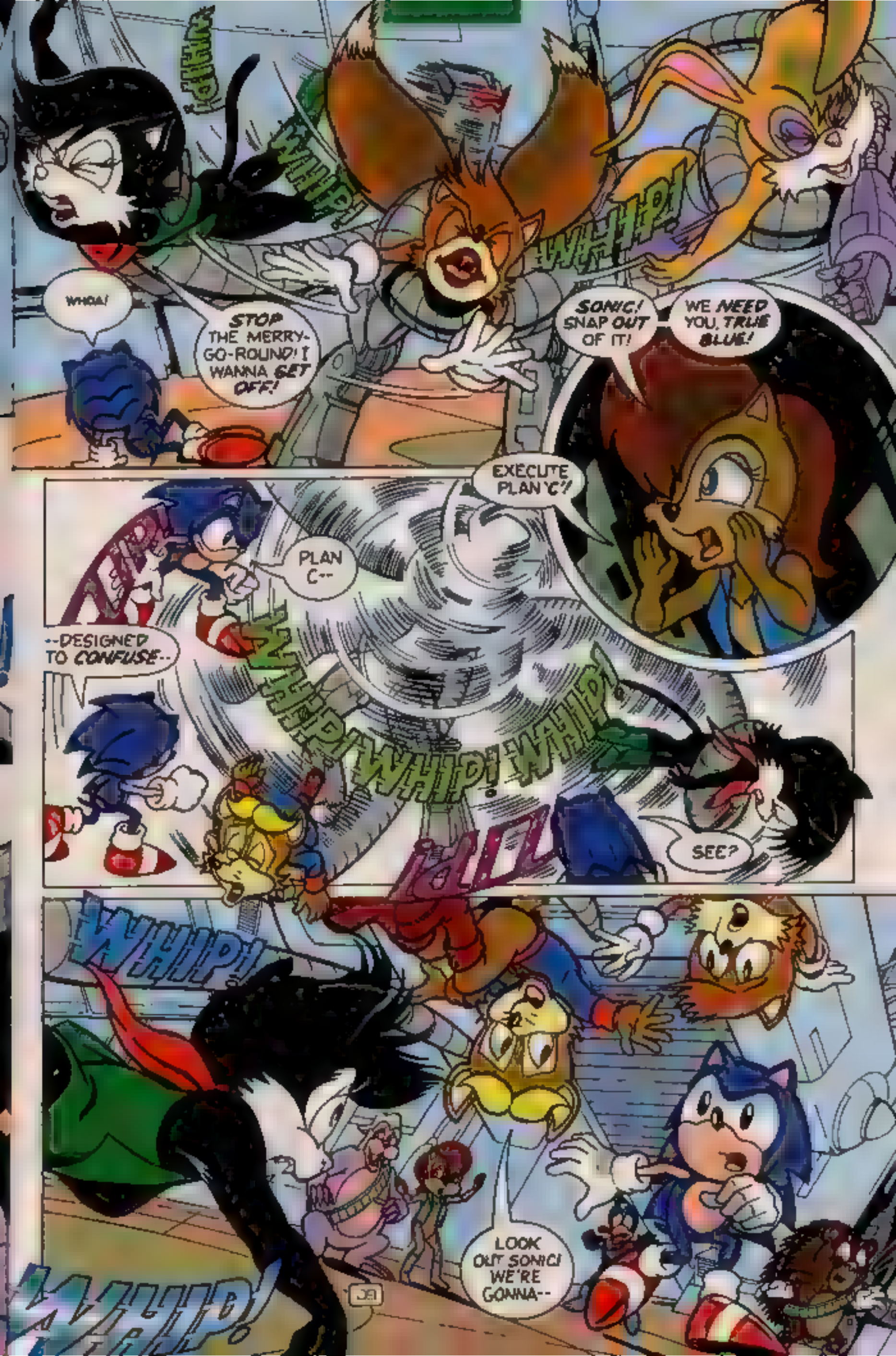
WHAP!

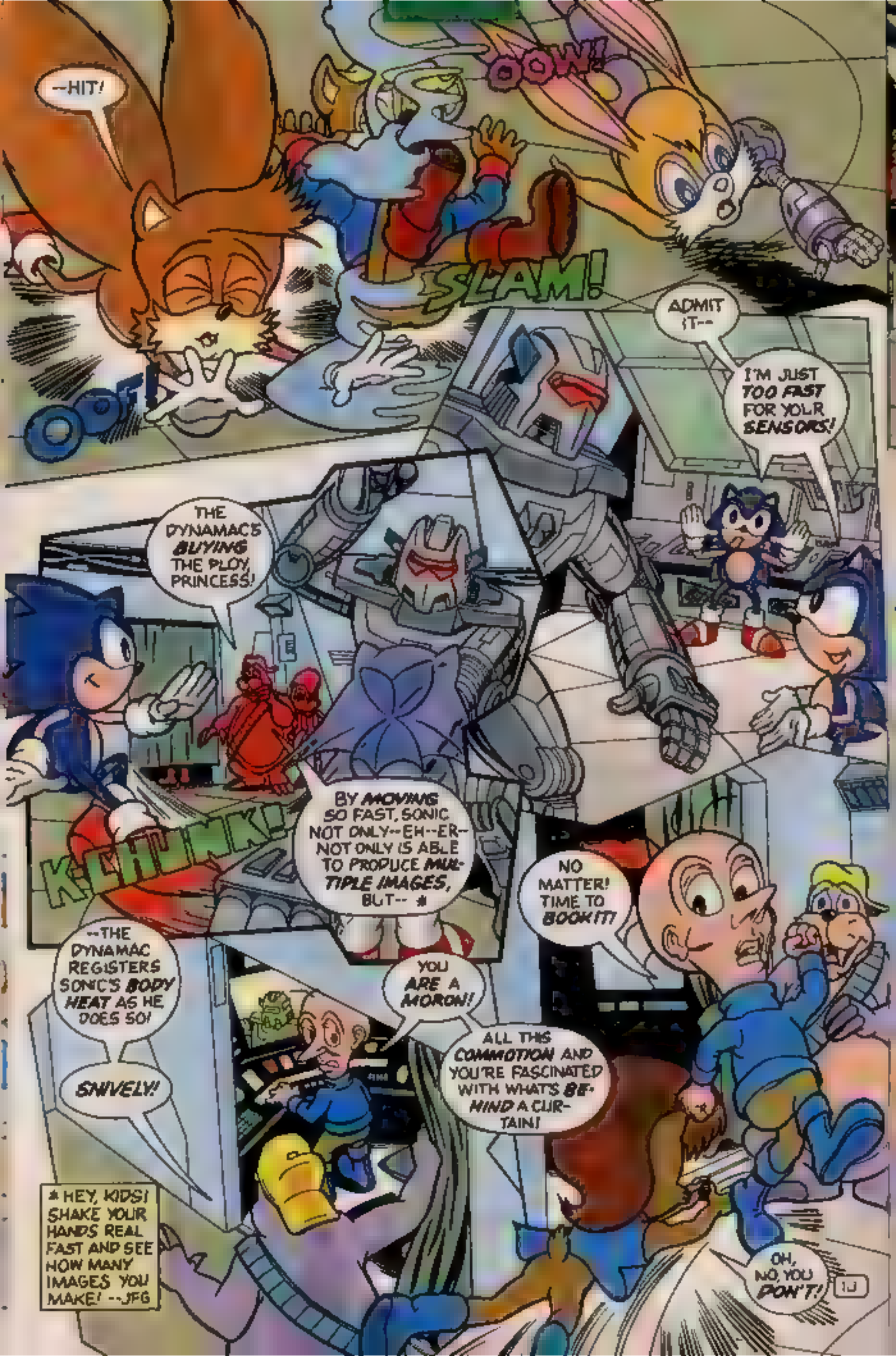
SUGAH-THAN!

MEEEE-OOOW!

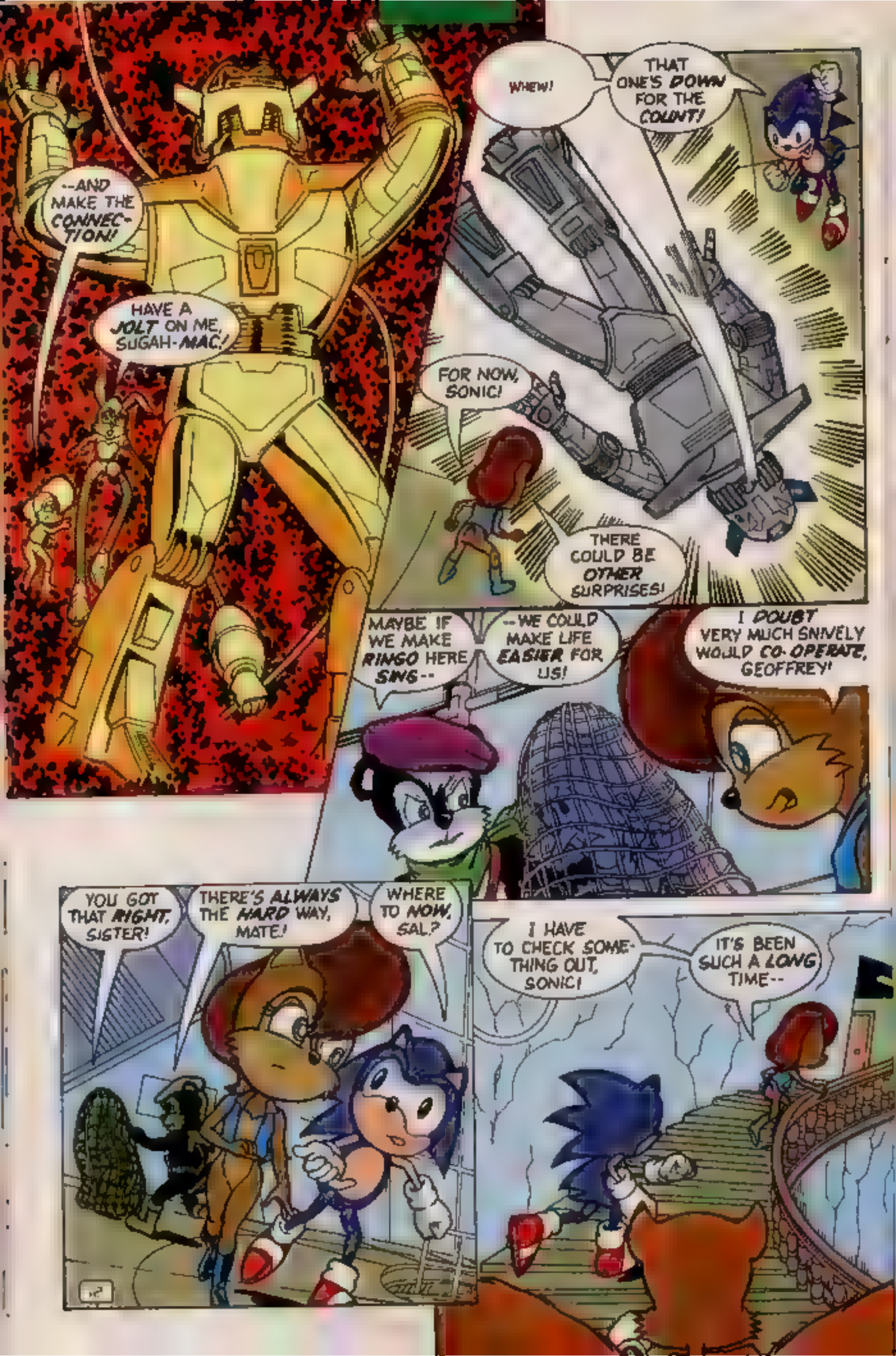
WE HAVE TO DRAW THE DYNAMAC'S ATTENTION-- TRY TO CONFUSE IT!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, PRINCESS!


WHOA!
STOP THE MERRY-GO-ROUND! I WANNA GET OFF!
WHIP!
WHIP!
SONIC! SNAP OUT OF IT!
WE NEED YOU, TRUE BLUE!
EXECUTE PLAN 'C'!
PLAN C--
--DESIGNED TO CONFUSE--
WHIP! WHIP! WHIP!
SEE?
WHIP!
LOOK OUT SONIC! WE'RE GONNA--
WHIP!


--HIT!
OOW!
SLAM!
ADMIT IT--
I'M JUST TOO FAST FOR YOUR SENSORS!
THE DYNAMAC'S BUYING THE PLOY, PRINCESS!
KLHUNK!
BY MOVING SO FAST, SONIC NOT ONLY--EH--ER--NOT ONLY IS ABLE TO PRODUCE MULTIPLE IMAGES, BUT-- *
NO MATTER! TIME TO BOOK IT!
--THE DYNAMAC REGISTERS SONIC'S BODY HEAT AS HE DOES SO!
SNIVELY!
YOU ARE A MORON!
ALL THIS COMMOTION AND YOU'RE FASCINATED WITH WHAT'S BEHIND A CURTAIN!
* HEY, KIDS! SHAKE YOUR HANDS REAL FAST AND SEE HOW MANY IMAGES YOU MAKE! --JFG
OH, NO, YOU DON'T!

OH, YES, I WILL!
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU ROYAL BRAT!
CHEEKY BEGGAR!
I'LL TEACH YOU MANNERS!
K-TWANG!
NOOOOOOOOOOO!
GET READY, BUNNIE!
SONIC! PLAN 'D'!
'D'--
--AS IN DIVERSION!
KRA-KING
THWIPP!
NOW, BUNNIE!
TIME TO REACH OUT--


--AND MAKE THE CONNEC-TION!
HAVE A JOLT ON ME, SUGAH-MAC!
WHEW!
THAT ONE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
FOR NOW, SONIC!
THERE COULD BE OTHER SURPRISES!
MAYBE IF WE MAKE RINGO HERE SING--
--WE COULD MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR US!
I DOUBT VERY MUCH SNIVELY WOULD CO-OPERATE, GEOFFREY!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, SISTER!
THERE'S ALWAYS THE HARD WAY, MATE!
WHERE TO NOW, SAL?
I HAVE TO CHECK SOME-THING OUT, SONIC!
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME--

--SINCE I'VE BEEN HOME
ONLY--
--IT'S NOT HOME ANY-MORE--
IS IT?
WELL, ROTOR, WHAT'S THE LATEST?
C'MON, L'IL BUDDY!
I THINK SAL WOULD LIKE A LITTLE PRIVACY.
WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US, BUT IT'S NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE!
WAY TO GO, BIG GUY!
EH--?
IS SHE -?
YEAH.
I THOUGHT AS MUCH.
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THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, NICOLE?

IF WE BREAK INTO *TEAMS* AND ASSIGN EACH TEAM A *TASK* WE SHOULD HAVE SOME *BASIC NECESSITIES* UP AND RUNNING *QUICKLY!*

YAWN!

THAT DOES SOUND LOGICAL, SALLY!

LET'S GET *STARTED* THEN!

ANTOINE, I WANT YOU AND *BUNNIE* TO ESTABLISH A *SOURCE* OF CLEAN RUNNING *WATER* TO USE!

ROTOR, I NEED YOU TO SEE IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH A SOURCE OF *POWER!*

AS FOR YOU, *SONIC*--

I WANT YOU AND *TAILS* TO SCOUT AROUND AND MAKE SURE THERE AREN'T ANY UNFRIENDLY *SURPRISES!*

BE *CAREFUL*, GUYS!

IF THERE'S A *PROBLEM* JUST *SIG-NAL*--

--ONE IF BY *LAND*--

--AND *TWO* IF BY *AIR!*

NOW, I WANT YOU, GEOFFREY--

GEOFFREY?

"WHERE DID HE GO?"

I'M NOW AT THE ARMORY, YOUR MAJESTY!

THE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SECURED!

AND SO FAR, KING ACORN--

--THE THREATS HAVE BEEN PRETTY MUCH THOSE WE'VE ANTICIPATED--

DON'T GIVE ME THAT, COMMANDER!

WE MUST GUARD AGAINST THE ENEMY WITHIN AS WELL AS WITHOUT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOUR HIGHNESS!

WHO IS THIS ENEMY YOU REFER TO?

I SPEAK OF NONE OTHER THAN SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG!

HE'S A DANGEROUS RADICAL--

--AND COULD POSE A MAJOR THREAT TO THE REALM!

ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THIS, YOUR MAJESTY?

AFTER ALL--

OF COURSE I'M CERTAIN!

DON'T FORGET IT WAS HE WHO INVENTED THE ROBOTICIZER--

--AS WELL AS CREATING THE *SPY NETWORK* THAT BEGAT *TRAITORS* TO THE REALM!

I HAVE ACCESS TO *INFORMATION* EVEN YOU ARE *UNAWARE* OF, COMMANDER, AND IF I--

THAT'S *ENOUGH* EXCITEMENT FOR NOW, SIRE!

"I'M SURE THE KINGDOM WILL *SURVIVE* WHILE YOU *REST*."

KLIK! KLAK!

I'M OUT ON *SECURITY DETAIL*, FLEMING!

NOBODY GOES IN THERE!

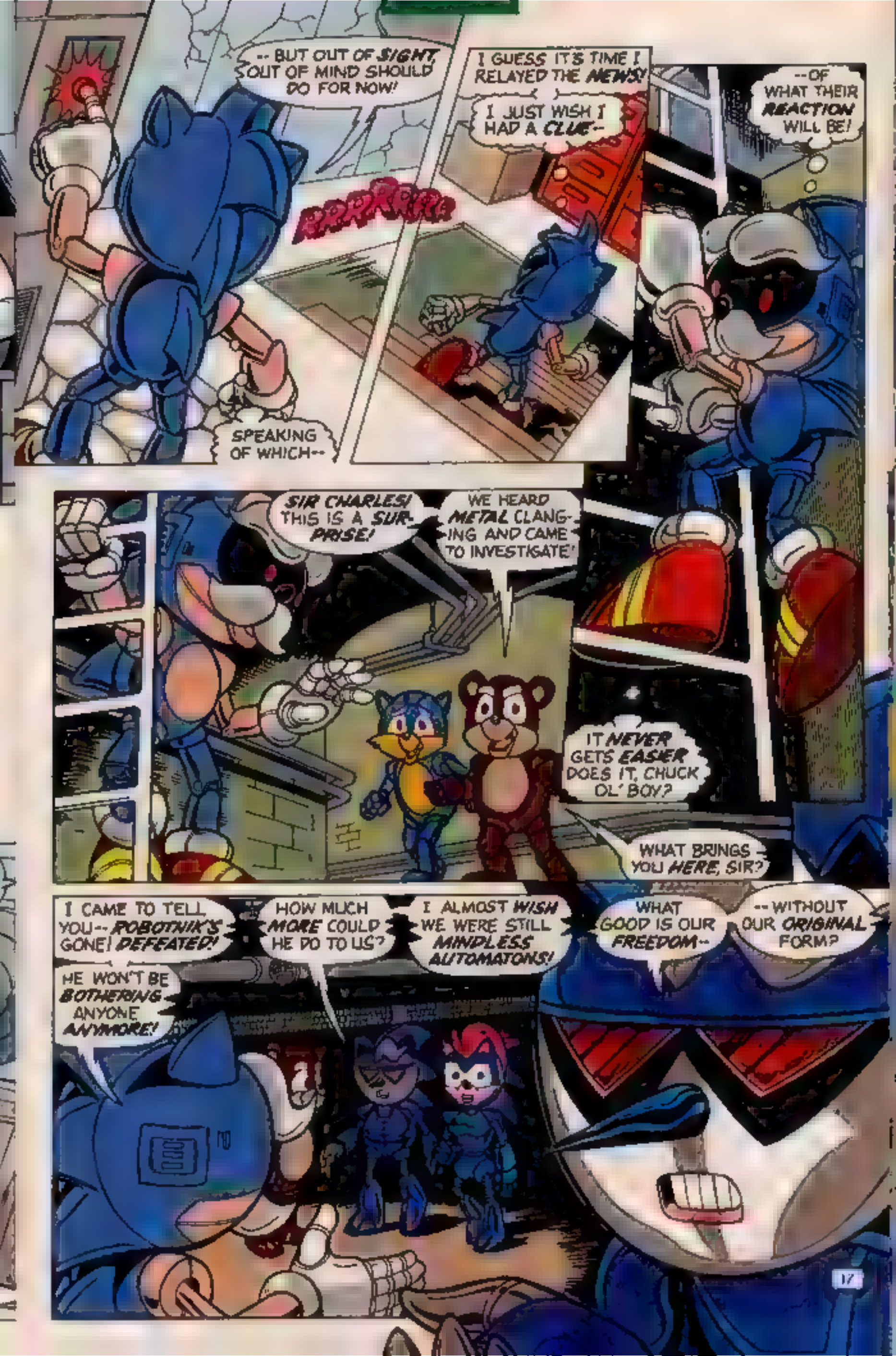
EVEN THE *PRINCESS*, SIR?

"*ESPECIALLY* THE PRINCESS!"

THIS SHOULD JUST ABOUT DO IT!

WITH *ROBOTNIK* GONE FOR GOOD, I DON'T SEE ANY *NEED* FOR ALL THIS *SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT*!

OF COURSE, ONE *NEVER* KNOWS WHEN THINGS MIGHT *CHANGE*--


-- BUT OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND SHOULD DO FOR NOW!
SPEAKING OF WHICH--
I GUESS IT'S TIME I RELAYED THE NEWS!
I JUST WISH I HAD A CLUE--
--OF WHAT THEIR REACTION WILL BE!
SIR CHARLES! THIS IS A SURPRISE!
WE HEARD METAL CLANGING AND CAME TO INVESTIGATE!
IT NEVER GETS EASIER DOES IT, CHUCK OL' BOY?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, SIR?
I CAME TO TELL YOU-- ROBOTNIK'S GONE! DEFEATED!
HE WON'T BE BOTHERING ANYONE ANYMORE!
HOW MUCH MORE COULD HE DO TO US?
I ALMOST WISH WE WERE STILL MINDLESS AUTOMATONS!
WHAT GOOD IS OUR FREEDOM--
-- WITHOUT OUR ORIGINAL FORM?

EH--I'M AFRAID IT'S NOT THAT *SIMPLE*, JULES!

THE *ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR** MAY HAVE *RESTORED* FREE WILL TO US ALL, BUT--

BUT *WHAT*, SIR CHARLES?

* RECENTLY CHRONICLED IN *SONIC 50* - JFG.

WE'VE *ENDURED* SO, MUCH, SIR CHARLES--

--THAT THE *HOPE* OF BEING *RESTORED* IS ALL THAT KEPT US GOING!

ALL WE WANT--

--IS A *NORMAL* LIFE WITH OUR *FAMILIES!*

I'M AFRAID --THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE!*

WHEN THE *ORIGINAL* ROBOTICIZER WAS *DESTROYED*--

--ANY CHANCE OF OUR BEING RESTORED *DIED* WITH IT!

AND IF-- BY SOME *MIRACLE*--

--EVEN IF I WAS ABLE TO *RE-BUILD* IT TO THE *SAME* SPECS--

ANY *ROUTINE MAINTENANCE* OR EVEN A *MINOR ALTERATION* PERFORMED AFFECTED YOUR *CELLULAR* STRUCTURE!

I COULD *NOT* GUARANTEE YOUR *SURVIVING* THE PROCESS!

I'M VERY SORRY!

YE NEEDN'T HANG YOUR HEAD, LADDIE--

IN FACT, MUH *JOINTS* HAVE NEVER FELT *BETTER!*

AH FOUGHT IN TH' *GREAT WAR*, SO I KNOW THERE BE *WORSE* THAN OUR CURRENT CONDITION!

I SAY IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON, CHARLES M' LAD!

I AGREE!

WHAT SAY YOU, JULES?

OR YOU, BERNIE?

I THINK--

--IT'S TIME TO *STOP* CLINGING TO *FALSE* HOPES--

--AND *POWER RINGS* THAT DON'T LAST!

"IT'S BEEN A *LONG* TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN--"

SONIC-- DO YOU *READ* ME?

HEAR YOU *LOUD* AND *CLEAR*, TWO-TA LED WONDER!

WHAT'S *UP?*

ME-- THAT'S WHAT!
HAHAHAHAHAHA
WHAT'S WHAT?
I SEE SHADOWS!
HELLO! WHAT'S THIS?
I'M MOVING IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!
SONIC! I SEE SWATBOTS! LOTS OF 'EM!
AND THEY'RE EACH CARRYING-- SOMETHING!
JUST STAY ABOVE THEM, TAILS! DON'T GET RECKLESS!
I'M OKAY! THEY HAVEN'T EVEN NOTICED ME!
WELL, HANG ON--
--I'LL BE THERE IN A FLASH!
CHECK! I'M

WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE UP TO, SONIC?
WHO CAN SAY?
BUT, WHATEVER IT IS--
--WE'RE NOT GOING TO FIND OUT BY STAYING OUTSIDE!
UN-BELIEVABLE, TAILS!
IT'S LIKE ROBOTNIK PLANNED FOR THINGS TO KEEP OPERATING LONG AFTER HE WAS GONE!
MAYBE HE FIGURED SINCE WE KNEW ABOUT HIS FINAL REVENGE SCHEME HE'D TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!*
MAY-DAY, SONIC!
SWATBOT APPROACHING FROM BEHIND!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!
HUH?
YOWSER!
TOTALLY IGNORED! THAT'S WAY UN-COOL!
* OF COURSE, YOU REMEMBERED SONIC #22, DIDN'T YOU? - Freddy

CHECK THIS -- THE TRAINS ARE *RUNNING*--

--BUT THEY'RE GOING *NOWHERE!*

IF THERE'S A *PLAN*, I SURE DON'T SEE IT!

I SAY WE CHECK IT OUT!

SONIC!

WAIT UP!!

EEEEEEEEEEEE

YOU HEAR *THAT?*

BE STILL MY *HEART!*

YOU WERE SAYING?

"IT COULD BE A *TRAP!*"

UH-OH!

IT'S A CRY FOR *HELP!*

--EEELLP!

FROM *WHERE?*

HELP! HELP!

SONIC, THAT SOUNDS LIKE--

SHHH-- I'M TRYING TO *CONCENTRATE!*

IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM *IN* HERE!

HELP! HELP!

I DON'T KNOW, SONIC! WE COULD BE GETTING IN OVER OUR HEADS!

AFTER TAKING ON EVERY-THING FROM ROBO-BUTT TO ROGUE SKUNKS, I KINDA DOUBT IT!

DOWN THERE!

TALK ABOUT SHAKE, RATTLE 'N' ROLL!

NOBODY SAID WE COULDN'T JUMP TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

SONIC, I DON'T LIKE THIS!

BRADOOM!

OR FLY OVERHEAD?

WHAM!

THAT, TOO!

SONIC! TAILS!

OVER HERE!

ARLO! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

—ONLY-- ? KOFF! KOFF!?-- WHEN I LAUGH--

HANG ON, ARLO! WE'LL GET YOU OUT!

IN WAY COOL TIME--
A PIECE HERE--
A PIECE THERE--
UNTIL--
--WE HAVE OVERLOAD-- Gasp Gasp!
I'M SORRY, GUYS!
WHAT'LL WE DO?
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE ARLO LIKE THAT!
WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?
IT WOULD TAKE A MIRACLE RIGHT-- ABOUT-- NOW--
WHA--?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
WHY, THAT'S NO MIRACLE!
IT'S ONLY--
THERE YOU GO, LITTLE FELLER!
--RUDWARD!
HE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED! NO WONDER WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND!
ARLO! ARE YOU OKAY?
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I'M FINE, GUYS! REALLY, I AM!

JUST HAD THE WIND KNOCKED OUT OF ME!

UNCLE CHUCK!

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

I HAD TO GO TELL SOME FOLKS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED!

ESPECIALLY A COUPLE THAT COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU, LAD!

I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN PARENTS, SONIC!

HELLO, DEAR! IT'S BEEN WAY TOO L[redacted]

WE'VE MISSED YOU SO VERY MUCH, SON!

MOM?

DAD?

HOW COULD YOU KEEP THIS FROM ME?

SONIC! WAIT!

LET ME EXPLAIN!

SON, YOUR UNCLE CHUCK WAS *ONLY* DOING WHAT WE *ASKED* HIM TO!

I WAS *AFRAID* HE'D REACT LIKE THIS!

I SHOULD *NEVER* HAVE KEPT THE *TRUTH* FROM HIM!

PLEASE--

GO AFTER HIM!

"OUR BOY COULD USE A *FRIEND* RIGHT NOW!"

TAILS TO SONIC!

YOU *FORGOT* SOMETHING --*ME!*

HOW HE MUST *HATE* ME RIGHT NOW!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT?

"I DON'T BLAME HIM ONE BIT!"

WE'VE ESTABLISHED WHICH COMMUNICATION BOXES ARE *WORKING* IN THE *IMMEDIATE VICINITY*, PRINCESS!

WHICH AMOUNTS TO?

MAYBE *TWO* OUT OF EVERY FIVE ARE *OPERATIONAL!*

NOT GOOD, BUT *BETTER* THAN I--

SWEET MOTHER OF PEARL!

YOUR EYES AREN'T DECEIVING YOU, PRINCESS!

I TOLD THEM *EVERYTHING!*

CAN IT BE--?

SO *THIS* IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO!

I ONLY WISH SONIC *SHARED* YOUR *SENTIMENTS!*

I KNOW THEY *LOOK* LIKE US, DYLAN--

BUT AREN'T THEY STILL *ROBOTS?*

I REMEMBER YOU!
HAS IT REALLY BEEN THAT LONG, DEAR?
PERHAPS THEY HAD MORE *IMPORTANT* THINGS TO CONSIDER, BERNIE!
REALLY, JULES! WHERE ARE YOUR *MANNERS*?
BACK IN THE *SEWERS* ALONG WITH MY SENSE OF *HUMOR*!
LISTEN, EVERYONE!
I KNOW HOW *ROUGH* IT'S BEEN FOR YOU-- FOR *ALL* OF US--
RIGHT NOW, THOUGH, I'M *THANKFUL* WE'RE ALL *TOGETHER* AGAIN!
BEGGING YOUR *PARDON*, PRINCESS SALLY!
I LOOK AROUND-- AND I SEE IT'S *NOT* THE SAME!
I'M NOT SURE IT *EVER* CAN BE!
THEY NEED TIME TO *ADJUST* TO EVERYTHING, SALLY!
AS DO WE ALL, UNCLE CHUCK--

"SOME MORE THAN *OTHERS*, IT SEEMS!"

KIZ *KIN*

ALL THIS TIME--AND HE KNEW, TAILS!!

HE SHOULD HAVE *TOLD* ME MY *PARENTS* WERE *ALIVE!*

HE HAD *NO* RIGHT TO *KEEP* IT A *SECRET!*

HE TOLD ME THEY WERE *CASUALTIES* OF *WAR*--

--AND ALL THIS TIME MY PARENTS WERE *LIVING* UNDER *ROBOTICIZED!*

THEY *WERE* CASUALTIES, SONIC!

LAST I SAW THEY LOOKED *ROBOTICIZED* TO ME!

IF UNCLE CHUCK *HAD* TOLD YOU THE *FULL TRUTH*--

WHAT WOULD BE *DIFFERENT?*

WELL--

AT LEAST I'D *KNOW* MY PARENTS WERE STILL THERE FOR ME!

SO DID THE PRINCESS WHEN *KING ACORN* WAS IN THE *ZONE OF SILENCE*, BUT THAT *DIDN'T* MAKE IT *EASIER* FOR HER!

SO?

YOU PROBABLY *WOULDN'T* HAVE SEEN THEM ANY MORE THAN WE DO UNCLE CHUCK--

--WHOM WE DIDN'T SEE MUCH OF *BECAUSE* OF HIS *WORK* BEHIND ENEMY LINES!

YOUR POINT BEING--?

CHANCES ARE *THEY'D* HAVE BEEN OFF *FIGHTING* THE WAR JUST LIKE HIM!

UNCLE CHUCK PROBABLY SAW WHAT AUNT SALLY WENT THROUGH OVER HER FATHER, AND THOUGHT HE WAS DOING YOU A *FAVOR* BY NOT TELLING!

WHATEVER HIS *REASONS*, UNCLE CHUCK DID WHAT HE DID BECAUSE HE *LOVES* YOU!

YOU KNOW, TAILS, YOU CAN BE SUCH A *BRICK!*

I TRY!

WHAD'DYA SAY WE HEAD *BACK?*

WAAAY COOL, SONIC!

LATER, THAT EVENING.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS, NICOLE--

--BUT THE SITUATION IS *HOPELESS!*

WE'RE BETTER OFF *REBUILDING* ELSEWHERE THAN TRYING TO *RESTORE* MOBOTROPOLIS TO ITS *FORMER* SELF!

I DON'T THINK YOU'VE FULLY EXPLORED ALL YOUR OPTIONS, SALLY!

THE *MOTHER BOX* IS RIGHT, LUV!

THERE ARE *ALWAYS* ALTERNATIVES!

GEOFFREY!

AT YOUR SERVICE!

IN NEED OF A *FRIEND* TONIGHT?

MORE THAN EVER!

WELL, THEN--

I'M JUST YOUR *MATE!*

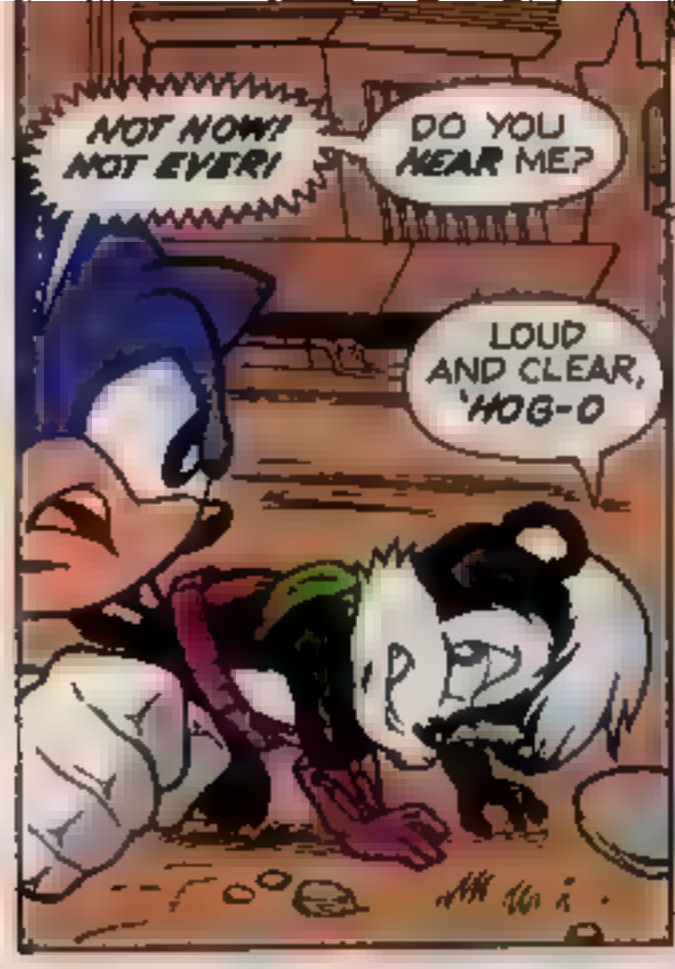
YOU'LL *ALWAYS* BE A *FRIEND* GEOFFREY--

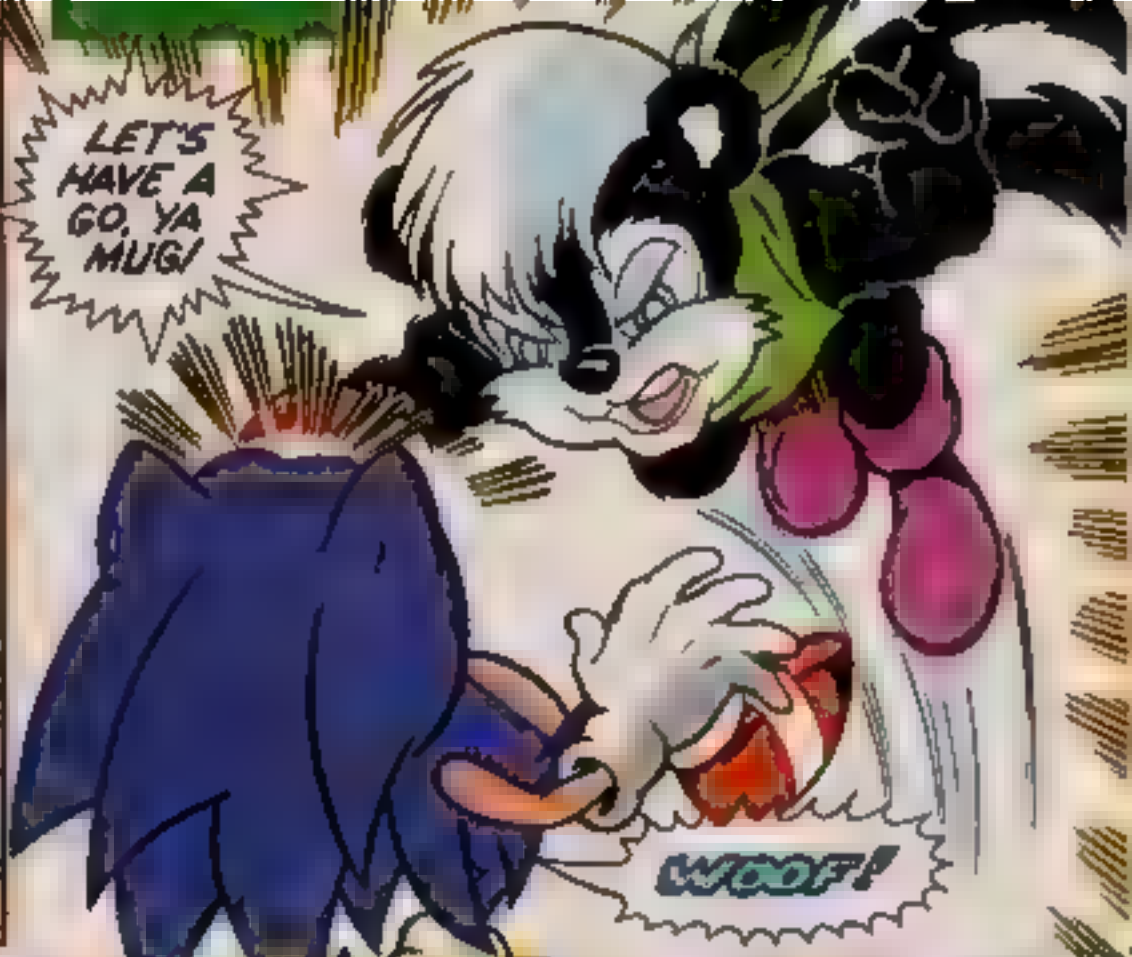
--HOWEVER, IF YOU'RE IMPLYING *BEYOND* THAT--

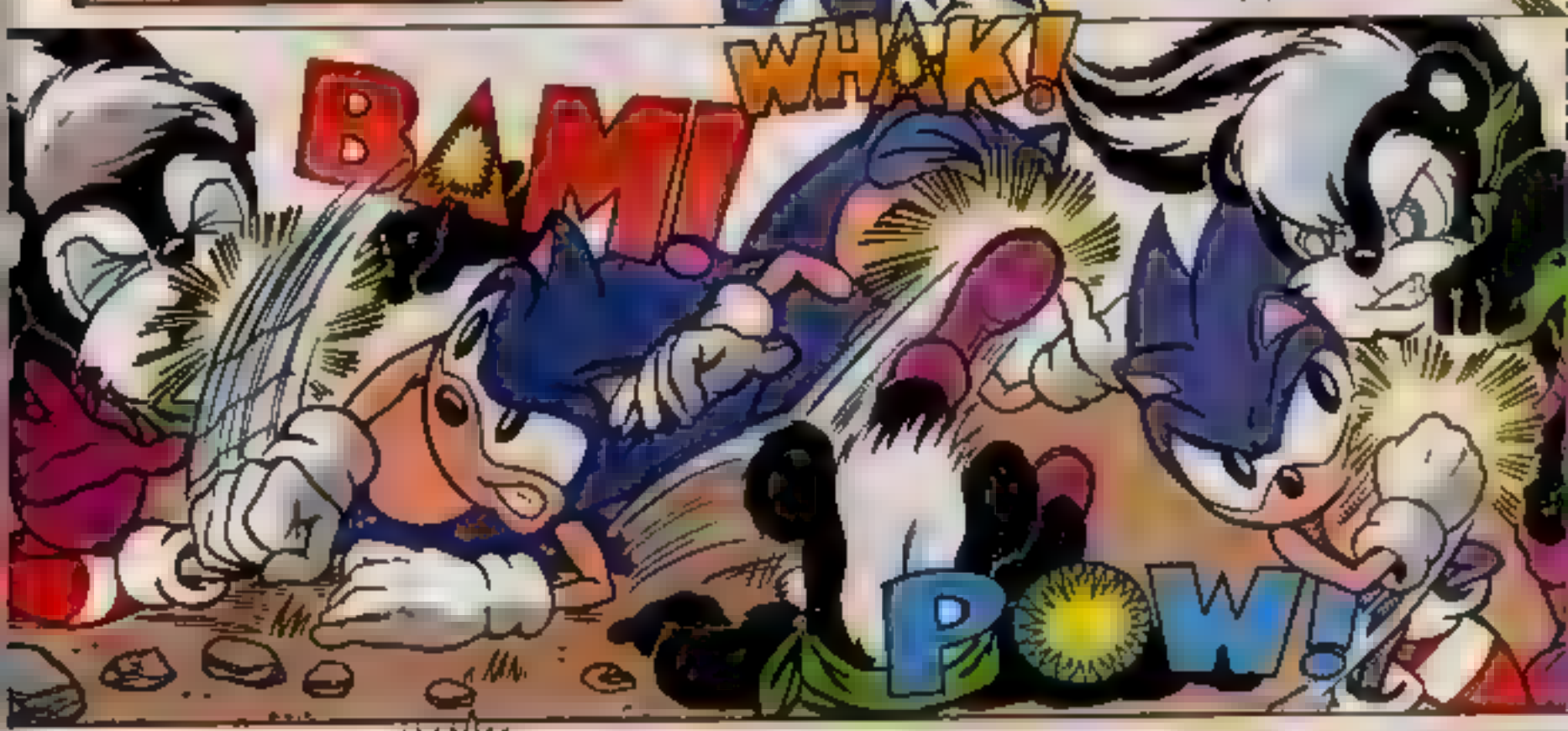
--I'M AFRAID I *CAN'T* ACCEPT!

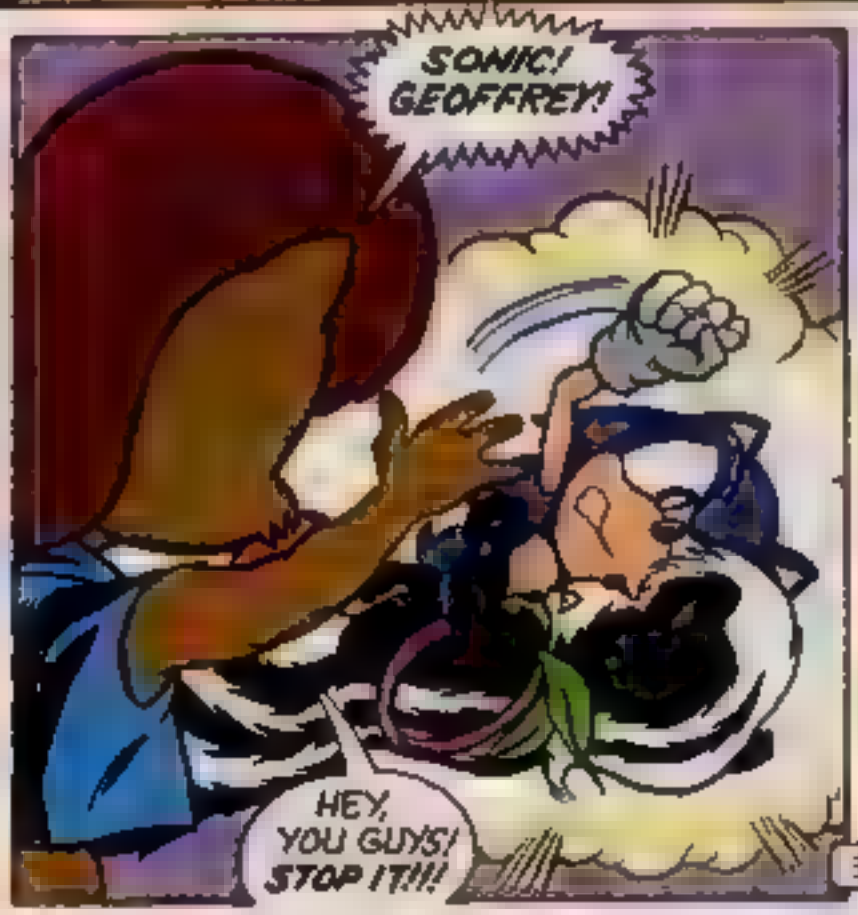
MEANING?

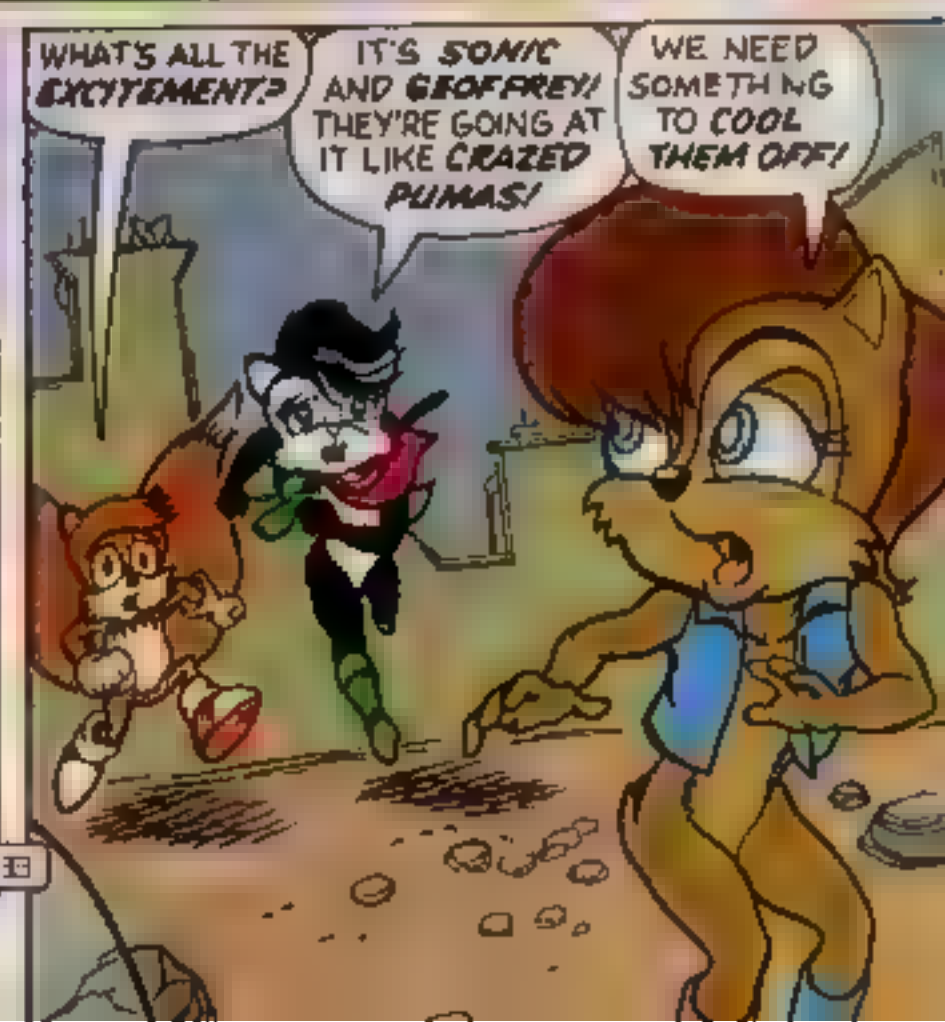
I KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING BETWEEN US, GEOFFREY--
--BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT MY HEART BELONGS TO SONIC!
I CAN'T GO FORWARD UNTIL I KNOW WHAT I HAVE!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
NOT REALLY!
THAT'S OKAY!
AS LONG AS I DO!
YOUR LOSS, LUV!
IS IT NOW, "LUV"?
SONIC!
WE WERE JUST CHATTING ABOUT YOU, MATE--
ST. JOHN -
I'M NOT YOUR "MATE"!


NOT NOW! NOT EVER!
DO YOU HEAR ME?
LOUD AND CLEAR, 'HOG-O


LET'S HAVE A GO, YA MUG!
WOOF!


BAM!
WHAK!
POW!


SONIC! GEOFFREY!
HEY, YOU GUYS! STOP IT!!!


WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT?
IT'S SONIC AND GEOFFREY! THEY'RE GOING AT IT LIKE CRAZED PUMAS!
WE NEED SOMETHING TO COOL THEM OFF!

I BELIEVE I KNOW JUST ZE THING, PRIN-CESS!

HERE, BUNNIE! TAKE Z S.

ZIS SHOULD REALLY-- 'OW YOU ZAY-- ▪AMPEN ZER SPIRITS!

WHATEVER Y'ALL NEED, SU-GAH!

BIG TIME, HON!

HEY!

CUT THAT OUT! :glub:

BLIMEY!

:glub glub: IT'S NOT EVEN SATURDAY NIGHT!

HOOH!

IN-CREDIBLE!

IT MUST BE YOUR INBRED MACHOISM!

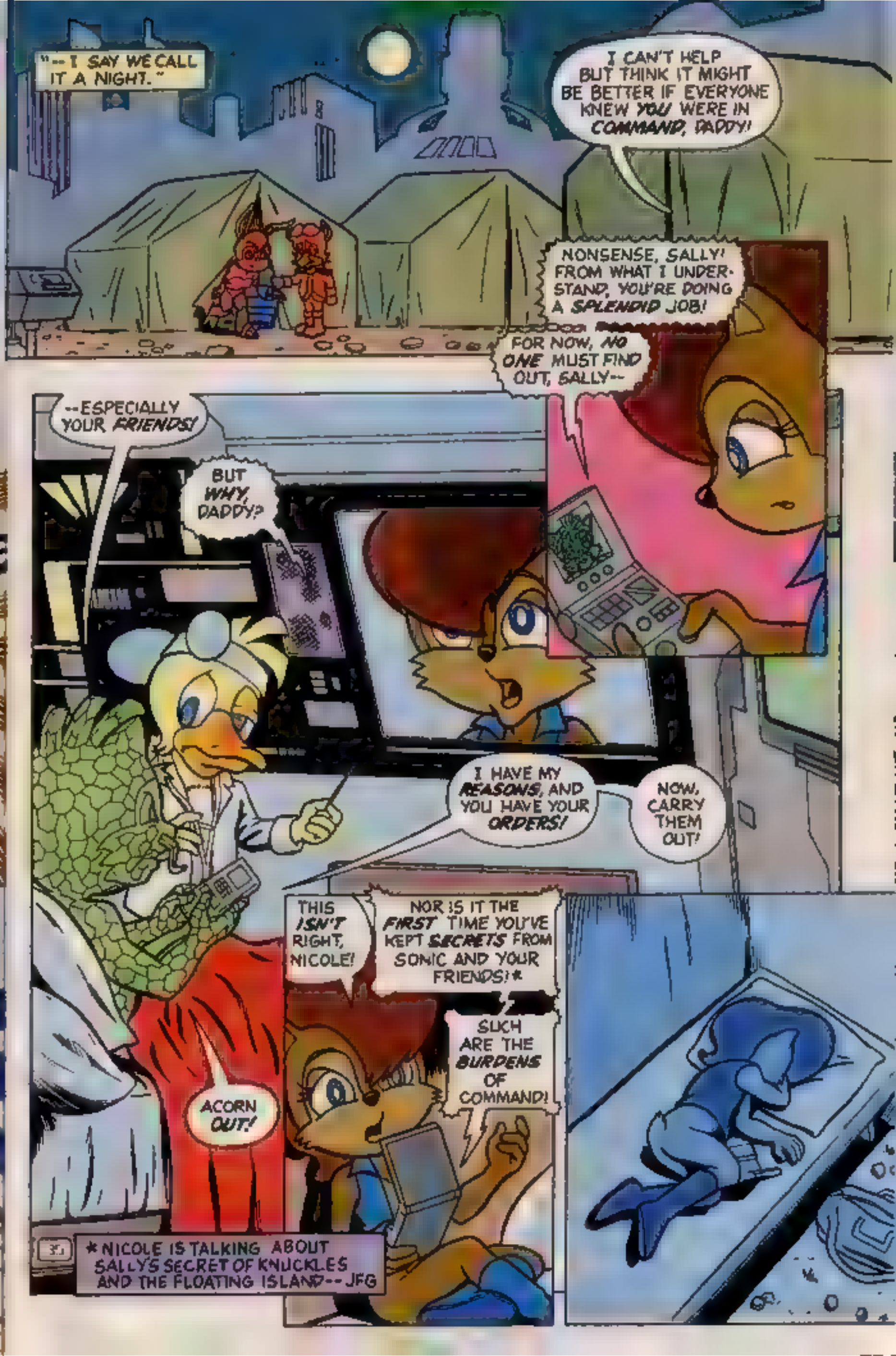
I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO SHAKE HANDS AND LET BYGONES BE BYGONES!

THIS DOESN'T END HERE!

HOW ELSE CAN WE EXPLAIN THE TWO OF YOU ACTING LIKE A COUPLE OF JUVENILES?

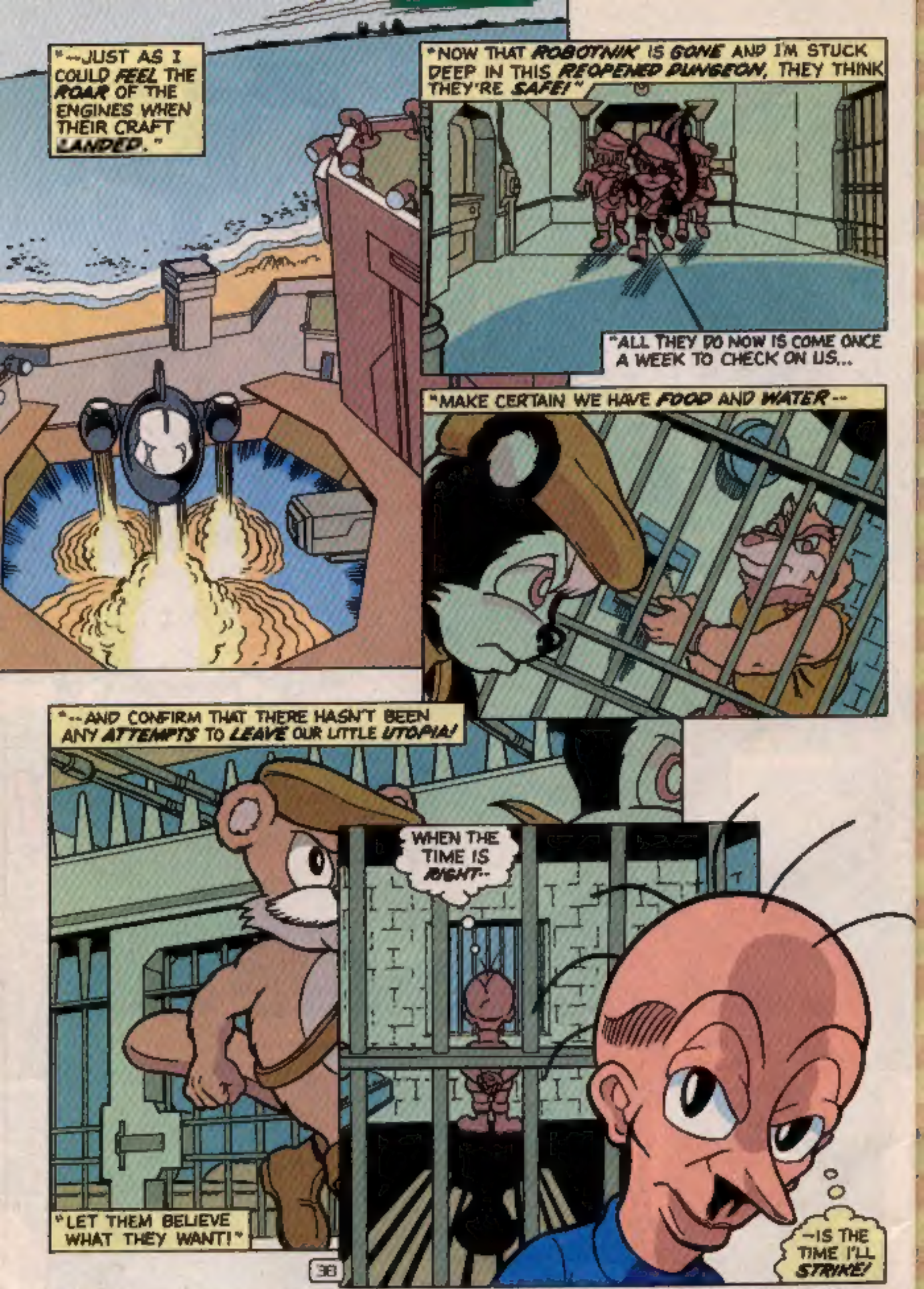
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

AND NOW, EVERYONE--


"-- I SAY WE CALL IT A NIGHT."
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF EVERYONE KNEW YOU WERE IN COMMAND, DADDY!
NONSENSE, SALLY! FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE DOING A SPLENDID JOB!
FOR NOW, NO ONE MUST FIND OUT, SALLY--
--ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIENDS!
BUT WHY, DADDY?
I HAVE MY REASONS, AND YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS!
NOW, CARRY THEM OUT!
THIS ISN'T RIGHT, NICOLE!
NOR IS IT THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE KEPT SECRETS FROM SONIC AND YOUR FRIENDS!*
SUCH ARE THE BURDENS OF COMMAND!
ACORN OUT!
*NICOLE IS TALKING ABOUT SALLY'S SECRET OF KNUCKLES AND THE FLOATING ISLAND-- JFG

WHILE IT WAS NOT MY DECISION, I WILL ABIDE BY IT!
I TAKE IT NONE IN THE MAJORITY WOULD LIKE TO RECONSIDER?
RECONSIDER WHAT, UNCLE CHUCK?
WE TOOK A VOTE, PRINCESS!
FOR NOW, WE BELIEVE IT'S IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS TO START OUR OWN COLONY!
BUT WHY? YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US!
THEY'RE NOT SO SURE THAT'S TRUE, PRINCESS!
ALREADY, WE'VE OVERHEARD WHISPERS AMONG YOUR KIND!
OUR KIND?!
YOU'RE OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS, OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
YOU BELONG HERE WITH US!
I LOOK AROUND, PRINCESS--

"--AND I WOULD HAVE TO DISAGREE!"
KLIK!
COMPLETING CROSS-CIRCUITING TO 'B'--
--AND THAT SHOULD DO IT!
AL-RIIIGHT!
THE MAIN COMPUTER'S BACK ON-LINE!
THIS IS TOWER ONE, SKYLINER--
KA-KLIK!
--YOU HAVE A GO FOR TAKE-OFF!
HAVE A NICE DAY!
ROGER WILCO, TOWER! THE SAME TO YOU!
DESTINATION: THE DEVIL'S GULAG!
VROOOMMSHHH!
"I COULD SEE THEIR APPROACH AS I LAY IN MY CELL--
WELCOME TO ROBOTROPOLIS
POPULATION: 0X EVIL DOCTOR 4,284,720 ROBOTS (and rising) MANY LIVING BEINGS



THE STAGE HAS BEEN SET. THE CURTAIN HAS RISEN. NOW THAT YOU HAVE ENTERED *SONIC'S BRAVE NEW WORLD*, CONTINUE THE JOURNEY IN *SONIC* #53, AS THINGS GET WILDER STILL!

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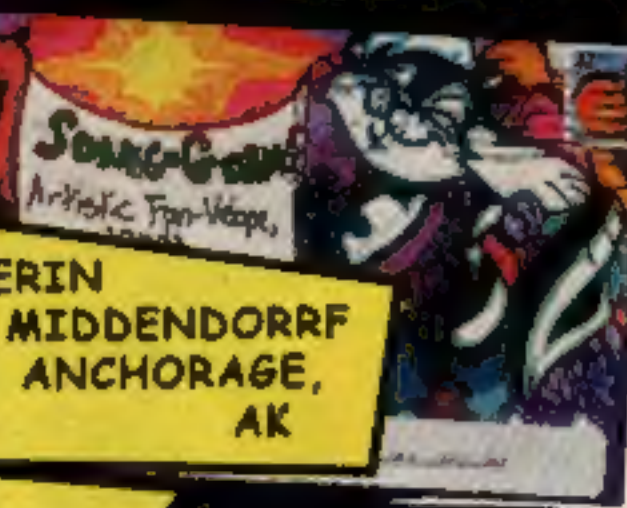

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In three weeks:

*Knuckles and Sonic... **friends?** This one must be read. Written and inked by Ken Penders. Pencilled by Art Mawhinney. And if you thought that was all the surprises we had in store for you — there's more! Like the return of Robotnik's mentor, **Warlord Kodos** and the 'supposed' creator of the **Zone of Silence**, wizard extraordinaire, **Ixis Naugus!** Written by Karl Bollers. Art by Jim Mazwell and Pam Eklund. **SONIC #53 on sale mid-September '97!***

On other Hedgehog news...

***In four weeks:** To meet the demands of those seeking the hard-to-find issues, we're happy to present this special collection featuring Sonic comic "firsts!" Included in this slick volume are: "Don't Cry for Me, Holmes!": The first Archie-produced Sonic comic story, originally published in both SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4 and the SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #1/4 school "Rabbot Deployment": The first comic book appearance of female Rabbot from SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #3! "Lizard of Oz!": The first time in comics that Sonic is transformed into Super Sonic, from SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4! "This Island Hedgehog": The first comic book appearance of Knuckles, originally presented in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13! Get **'SONIC THE HEDGEHOG:FIRSTS'** when its out or forever hold your peace.*

***And in six weeks: KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #7** hits the stands sporting a new letters page name **with the name of the person who 'thunk' it up!** It also marks the return of everybody's favorite echidna villain... **Enerjak!** And he's not alone in the form of **The Dark Legion**! Hold on to your hats **Red Rod fans**, this is one for the record books. Brought to you by Ken Penders, Nancy Gelon and Andrew Pepoy. As you can see, the "Dark Vengeance" storyline will be personified by our traditional triple-combo covers by fan-fave Pat Spaziante, along with pencil assist by Nancy Gelon and inks by Ken Penders. Don't forget about Heroic Age with the hand on the cover color wheel.*

Bottom: Dave & Jim Burton circa 1978 Fort Bragg Cal, AKA: The Sonic Mobile!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I finally got SONIC LIVE! #1! Guess what! I have a book store that carries Sonic comics! Now I can subscribe to my regular Sonic fix and buy issues at the store when I want extra copies. Oh, happy days are here again! So now I know how Fuji Blaze thought up a miracle as great as Sonic... he watched the prototype in "The Last Game Cartridge Hero!" (just kidding.) It was way cool to see Lanry Lynx and Cyril The Eagle again in "The Substitute Freedom Fighters!" KnucklesQuest 2 was a special treat with Spaz art. One question: Is Merlin Prower related to Miles "Tails" Prower? Thanks for reading my letter and don't ever stop making Sonic comics!!! Sonic- cerely.

Steven Gilbeaux
Church Point, LA

Blue is back, big time! Invading the most obscure stores in the world so that YOU can read it. Happy days ARE here again. Mr. Gibbon liked SONIC LIVE! #1 as I hope the rest of you did. You keep reading our series and specials, we'll keep making them. As to your one question: that is a mystery best served another day.

Dear Knuckles,

Hi! My name is Joseph. I am six years old in the first grade and I just starting to read and write. I love everything that's Sonic: from the TV show to your games, to your clothing, to your toys, to your mustbuls, to your comics! Hopefully I will get Sonic 3-D Blast for my birthday... and after reading the comic book, I want it even more! I really loved SONIC BLAST Special #1. My favorite part in the comic is where the Flicky bird grabs the Chaos Emerald out from Robotnik's hand.

Joseph Kielar (age 6)
Kingston, PA

Hey, now that's the ticket. Live, breathe and eat Sonic. Wow! You da' man. So, how did you make out on your birthday? Let me know. Thanks for the compliment on SONIC BLAST #1. Keep reading... and not just my comics but other way cool books, too. Catch you on the speedway.

Look for my next Super Special coming soon to a store near you.

NOTES FROM THE NET

Dear Sonic Notes,

SONIC Vs. KNUCKLES: BATTLE ROYAL Special #1 was awesome, story and art! Sam Maxwell did a great job on almost all the characters. (Either Sally was holding Archimedes too tight, or his head was drawn way too big. It might be both.) I always liked Knuckles' Chaotix the game and my two favorite to control (not by hyperbole like Mammoth Mogul or the Enchantress from KnucklesQuest 3) are Espio and Mighty. Sally had a secret friendship going on with Knuckles and now it seems that Sonic has one with one of Knuckles' best buds, Mighty! This is what I call fair play.

Brandon Simmons
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Glad you enjoyed the first Sonic Super Special of the year! BATTLE ROYAL wasn't just a job, it was an adventure until Mammoth Mogul and his 'Dullsome' Foresome had to ruin our good time. But let's let bygones be bygones, eh? As far as Archy getting the squeeze from Sally, he was pretending so Mammoth (who was hiding behind the scenes) wouldn't figure out they were working together.

Extra Your Name In Print

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